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The South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is seeking qualified vendors to provide reagent kits for use on the existing Illumina MiSeq and MiniSeq Next Generation Sequencing Systems located in DHEC's Public Health Laboratory. These reagent kits will allow for rapid response to foodborne disease outbreaks in the State of South Carolina.

As members of the CDC's PulseNet national foodborne outbreak surveillance network, DHEC's lab is responsible for reporting their statewide results to CDC in order to link South Carolina outbreaks to any and all national foodborne outbreaks. To respond to and identify potential outbreaks more quickly, the CDC and PulseNet labs have transitioned to Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS). This technology gives PulseNet labs more information about organisms and improves the ability to quickly link causative agents to patient samples. The reagent kits must be validated for use by CDC for PulseNet developed protocols for WGS for the Illumina MiSeq and MiniSeq Next Generation Sequencing Systems.

The total estimated price for this contract is \$1,000,000.00 for a one-year period. Qualified vendors should contact Laura M. Cravens by e-mail at cravenlm@dhec.sc.gov or by phone at (803) 898-3482 by midnight ET, March 23, 2022.

PROTESTS: If you are aggrieved in connection with the intended award or award of the contract, you may be entitled to protest, but only as provided in Section 11-35-4210. To protest an award, you must (i) submit notice of your intent to protest within five (5) business days of the date this notice is posted, and (ii) submit your actual protest within fifteen days of the date this notice is posted. Days are calculated as provided in Section 11-35-310(13). Both protests and notices of intent to protest must be in writing and must be received by the appropriate Chief Procurement Officer within the time provided. The grounds of the protest and the relief requested must be set forth with enough particularity to give notice of the issues to be decided. Any protest or notice of intent to protest must be addressed to the Chief Procurement Officer, Materials Management Office, and submitted in writing

(a) by email to: protest-mmo@mmo.state.sc.us or

(b) by post or delivery to: 1201 Main Street, Suite 600, Columbia, SC 29201